

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A non-contact heat fixing toner, comprising a binder resin, a colorant, an infrared absorbing agent, a first wax and a second wax, wherein a difference (X - Y) between the maximum peak temperature (X; °C) in the differential thermal curve in the first wax and Tg (Y; °C) of the binder resin is within the range from -5 to +10°C, wherein a weight ratio of the first wax to the second wax is in the range of from 3:1 to 7:1.

2. (Canceled):

3. (Original): The non-contact heat fixing toner of Claim 1, wherein a cyanine-based compound and an aminium-based compound are contained as an infrared absorbing agent, and a weight ratio of the cyanine-based compound and the aminium-based compound being in the range from 2:1 to 1:3.

4. (Original): The non-contact heat fixing toner of Claim 1, wherein the first wax is a fatty acid ester wax and the second wax is a polyolefin-based wax.

5. (Original): The non-contact heat fixing toner of Claim 1, wherein the first wax has a maximum peak temperature in the differential thermal curve in the range from 55 to 75° C.

6. (Original): The non-contact heat fixing toner of Claim 1, wherein the binder resin has a softening point (T_m) in the range from 90 to 110°C and two peaks in its molecular-weight distribution.

7. (Original): The non-contact heat fixing toner of Claim 1, wherein the maximum peak temperature (°C) in the differential thermal curve in the first wax and T_g (°C) of the binder resin is equal.

8. (Original): The non-contact heat fixing toner of Claim 1, wherein the binder resin comprises a first polyester based resin and a second polyester based resin.

9. (Original): The non-contact heat fixing toner of Claim 8, wherein the first polyester resin has a softening point in the range from 90 to 120°C and the second polyester resin has a softening point in the range from 115 to 145°C.

10. (Original): The non-contact heat fixing toner of Claim 8, wherein a weight ratio of the first polyester-based resin and the second polyester-based resin is in the range from 9:1 to 7:3.

11. (Original): The non-contact heat fixing toner of Claim 1, wherein a melting point of the second wax is in the range from 80 to 150°C.

12. (Original): The non-contact heat fixing toner of Claim 1, wherein a total content of the first and second waxes is within the range from 0.5 to 5 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weights of the binder resin.

13. (Original): The non-contact heat fixing toner of Claim 1, wherein the toner is prepared by a wet granulation method.

14. (Original): The non-contact heat fixing toner of Claim 1, wherein the infrared absorbing agent is the one which suppresses its own color by light-irradiation.

15. (Currently Amended): The non-contact heat fixing toner of Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 3, wherein ~~[[a]]~~ the cyanine-based compound and ~~an~~ the aminium-based compound ~~is~~ are respectively used ~~at an~~ in amounts in the range of 0.1 to 1.5 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the binder resin.

16. (Original): An image-forming method, comprising:
forming toner-images on a recording medium and
fixing the toner images on the recording medium,
wherein a toner comprises a binder resin, a colorant, an infrared absorbing agent, a first wax and a second wax;
a difference (X - Y) between the maximum peak temperature (X; °C) in the differential thermal curve in the first wax and Tg (Y; °C) of the binder resin being within the range from -5 to +10°C and a weight ratio of the first wax and the second wax being in the range from 3 : 1 to 7 : 1.

17. (Original): The image-forming method of Claim 16, wherein the toner is fixed by a flash fixing device provided with a flash lamp.

18. (Original): The image-forming method of Claim 17, wherein the light-emitting energy of the flash lamp is in the range of 1.0 to 3.5. J/cm².

19. (Original): The image-forming method of Claim 17, wherein an amount of use of infrared absorbing agent is in the range from 0.01 to 5 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the binder resin.

20. (Original): The image-forming method of Claim 17, wherein a cyanine-based compound and an aminium-based compound are contained as an infrared absorbing agent, and a weight ratio of the cyanine-based compound and the aminium-based compound being in the range from 2:1 to 1:3.